GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2460
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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDIAN WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Indian Women (NFW) expressed concern over the increasing incidence of rape on minor girls in the country and demanded an early passage of the bill drafted by the National Commission for Women to curb the atrocities against minor girls;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the latest status of the bill; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be enacted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (d): This Ministry is not aware of the National Federation of Indian Women expressing concern over increasing incidents of rape on minor girls in the country. The National Commission of Women had forwarded a draft Bill in the year 1995 namely `The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill 1994` proposing amendments to Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Code for Criminal Procedure, 1973 which was referred to Law Commission of India which was engaged in taking a comprehensive review of the Cr. PC and IPC. In their 154th and 156th Reports on the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Indian Penal Code 1860, the Law Commission have recommended the changes to the sections relating to sexual offences. Since the Criminal Law and the Criminal Procedure are on the concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the State Governments have been requested for their views on the recommendation of the Law Commission of India. As a view can be taken only after analysing the comments/views received from the State Governments, it is difficult to indicate a time frame within which a final decision on the recommendations of the Law Commission can be taken.